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Angry calls for refunds after Party on the Hill

APOLOGY: Adam Ant's set had to be cut short which disappointed many fans at Ely's Party on the Hill

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FURIOUS families are demanding refunds after Ely's Party on the Hill.

Organisers of the bash believed thousands of people would attend on Saturday to see *X Factor* winner Sam Bailey, American RnB star Jocelyn Brown, 80s legend Adam Ant and dance sensations Black Box perform in Cherry Hill Park.

Sam Bailey was secured just three days before the event as Shayne Ward, another *X Factor* winner, pulled out after being given "strict instructions to rest".

But the event, which cost organiser Swing Your Pants Productions more than £75,000 to put on, did not have the turn-out it had hoped and also experienced a number of issues – the main one being that two generators broke during the set up for the evening.

As a result, partygoers say the evening programme ran behind schedule and there were delays of up to 50 minutes between each act.

This led to Adam Ant not taking to the stage until just before 11.30pm, more than two hours later than planned – by which time many people, who had last trains to catch, had left.

A statement posted on Adam Ant's Facebook page on Sunday said: "Adam would like to apologise to any fans that turned up to the Party on the Hill show last night for the set being cut short.

"This was due to the festival running late and the local council curfew which forced Adam to play a short set of 40 minutes. Adam was deeply disappointed as much as the fans."

Tickets for the event were £84 for a family of four and there were fun activities for children during the day, including bouncy castles and a visit from Anna and Elsa from Disney's *Frozen*.

Speaking on Facebook, one person said: "We had a great time. I understand some of the frustrations but hope these are tempered as Ely rarely sees events like this and it would be a shame if the negative comments are taken as the view of the majority and events are scrapped in the future."

Another described it as the "best day of their life".

But droves of people who attended the evening element of the bash took to Facebook to express their anger – and are demanding refunds.

Posting on the Party on the Hill Facebook page, one partygoer said: "Absolutely diabolical. Bought tickets to see Adam Ant and running so late had to leave at 10.45pm and he had not even started when advertised to finish around 10.30pm.

"Why did they let Sam Bailey go on when she was [a] last-minute replacement so no-one had paid to see her but we all lost out on the advertised headline act?

"Expect a full refund and won't support this event again!"

Another wrote: "So the two people I paid money to see I saw neither.

"Shayne pulled and Adam Ant came on so late I'd already had to leave. Drove all the way from Nottingham for absolutely nothing.

"You should give us a refund. It was terrible!" Another described the event as a "total farce".

On its Facebook page, Swing Your Pants Productions, which is run by Delenn Moresby and Angela Oxley, posted "a snippet from an official statement due to be released", which read: "We are duty bound to stress that all the artists gave superb performances and are in no way to blame for the problems.

"They were consummate professionals who, along with their teams, graciously and generously assisted us in trying to resolve the issues. They clearly had their fans in mind at every stage and wished to do everything they could to not to disappoint them."

Speaking to *Ely News* on Monday, Mr Moresby said: "We too are hugely disappointed. People still had a good time and we have had positive feedback, but obviously there were issues and we understand why people are angry. We are still in discussions about how we deal with people's complaints."

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DEVELOPMENT

Plans for over 60 new homes

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PLANS to build more than 60 new homes in Littleport have now been submitted.

Manor Oak Homes' proposals to develop land west of 1B, Upton Lane, were the subject of a public exhibition in the town in June.

Now the firm has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build 63 dwellings on the site, complete with public open space and pedestrian and cycle paths.

The proposed access is off The Furrow in the adjacent Highfields development, with a pedestrian and cycle access connecting the site to the village via Upton Lane.

In a statement to the council, the developers' architects said: "The proposed development has been carefully considered so that it will positively enhance both the site, the village and the wider area.

"There should be no adverse impact on any neighbouring properties in terms of over dominance, shadowing, loss of light, privacy or outlook. The development seeks to improve the outlook from the roads surrounding the site and improve the quality of space within the area."

The developers hope to build a mixture of dwellings, including houses and flats – 30 per cent of which will be affordable.

Their agents say: "The proposal will result in high quality dwellings which will provide a good living environment for families and enhance the character of the area.

"The development will bring forward much needed affordable living and additional housing stock to Littleport and increase social and economic aspirations.

"It is believed that the amount and type of development is appropriate for the site and will help create a sustainable community for the future."

To have your say, visit eastcambs.gov.uk and search planning reference 15/01012/OUM.

CHEERS: Prince Albert chef Luke Chambers, left, and landlord Mike Connelly enjoy the beer festival. Picture: Keith Heppell

Ales galore to tickle the taste buds

REAL ale lovers from the Ely area were spoilt for choice at the weekend.

The Prince Albert, in Silver Street, Ely, and The Plough in Main Street, Little Downham, both held beer festivals from Friday through to Sunday.

There were 30 different real ales and five ciders to tempt visitors, as well as live music, a barbecue and a lamb spit-roast throughout the weekend.

At The Plough, revellers were able to tickle their taste buds with around 20 different local cask ales, plus there was live music, food and Molly dancing.

PETS

Give a cat a home at Soham event

ELY and District Cats Protection is holding a feline re-homing day in Soham on Saturday.

The event is running at Soham Methodist Church Hall, in Berrycroft, from 11am-2pm.

A spokeswoman for the branch said: "Come on down and see if you can give one or two of our loving cats a forever home.

"We are hoping that this event will be as successful as our first homing day when we homed 14 cats.

"Don't worry if you don't find a cat at the event as we have lots more with fosterers who are looking to find a new home."

Call (01353) 699430 to find out more.

DOING THEIR BIT: Juliet Browse, right, started the campaign and has had support from Cllr Lorna Dupre, left, and Jayne Chapman, centre.

Local people show 'overwhelming' support for refugees

HUNDREDS of people from across the Ely area have joined forces in support of the Calais refugees.

Juliet Browse, who runs Spoilt Rotten Beads in Haddenham, decided to set up an Ely Calais Refugee Action group on Facebook.

The group went live on August 28 and by September 8 more than 600 people had joined it.

Residents, businesses and organisations have donated many items – including everything from clothes to food and bicycles to sleeping bags – that they now have enough to fill three large vans.

Plus the group has raised more than £1,700 in funds for the refugees.

Mrs Browse said: "I invited 10 of my friends to join the group and before we knew it, it had gone crazy.

"The support local people have shown, and continue to show, is totally overwhelming.

"We will be going to the CalAid warehouse in London on Sunday, September 20, to deliver everyone's donations, which are currently in storage at locations across the county.

"For several reasons we need to call a temporary halt to the donations.

"There is a bottleneck on the ground in Calais – the aid agencies and charities have had an unprecedented amount of donations over the last few weeks and they need time to work out what their needs are going forward.

"In the meantime we are asking people to hang on to their donations and to direct any monetary donations directly to CalAid by visiting calaid.co.uk."

Search for 'Ely Calais Refugee Action' on Facebook to find out more.

IN BRIEF

Ely concert is a sell-out

ELY Rotary Club has hailed its big band show on Saturday night a "resounding success".

The Opus 17 Big Band, based in Royston, hosted the sell-out concert at Ely College to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Battle of Britain Day.

A Rotary club spokesman said: "A lot of people have told us it was the best big band concert we've had. We certainly were joyful at such enthusiasm!"

The event was the club's seventh big band show at the college.

To find out more about the club, visit elyrotary.co.uk.

Bake a cake

THE Ely branch of the Clandestine Cake Club is meeting next on Thursday, September 17.

The Clandestine Cake Club was set up by Lynn Hill in Leeds in December 2010. There are now 195 clubs worldwide, including one in Ely.

Each club meets at least four times a year and sees members baking a cake at home and taking it with them.

The clandestine part of the club is the location, which people only find out about five days before the meeting.

Visit clandestinecakeclub.co.uk and search for Ely.

TRANSPORT

Rail line upgrade is now postponed

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AMBITIOUS plans to build a second railway line between Ely and Soham have been put on hold, *Ely News* can confirm.

Network Rail bosses say that surveys and ground installation works they have carried out show that the proposals would be "far more complex than anticipated".

The work would have been carried out as part of Network Rail's wider programme to provide additional capacity for freight services operating to and from the port of Felixstowe.

The Ely to Soham double-tracking was one of a small number of projects to be funded separately using the Department for Transport's Investment Fund Framework and public consultation exercises got under way in the spring. But the scheme is now postponed until funding can be identified to deliver it.

A Network Rail spokeswoman said: "Earlier this year, we held our first feasibility consultation with residents and other interest parties in the Ely area to try and better understand the impact of the proposal to install a second track between Ely and Soham.

"Since then a lot of detailed work has been undertaken including surveys and ground investigation works. This work has identified that this project is far more complex than we anticipated meaning the funding required to deliver the project by 2019 is more that the budget available.

"Owing to this, we have decided to put this project on hold until funding can be identified to deliver it. All the work we have done so far will inform any future scheme and we will keep people in the area informed."

Network Rail says it will now be working with Cambridgeshire County Council to "understand any impact" on the authority's plans to re-open Soham railway station – something for which residents have campaigned for years.

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COURT

Former officer sentenced

A POLICE officer who pleaded guilty to stealing a mobile phone and computer misuse has avoided a jail sentence.

Matt Bailey, 50, who retired earlier this year, was given a 16-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, at Lincoln Crown Court last week.

Bailey, a former detective constable at Ely station, must complete 300 hours of unpaid work and pay costs of £1,000 and compensation of £1,070.

COMMUNITY

Picnic was 'best to date'

AROUND 500 people flocked to Sutton's annual Picnic in the Park event on Saturday.

Organisers of the extravaganza, the Sutton Feast Committee, say it was their best event to date and have thanked everyone who supported it.

Families enjoyed music, a barbecue, hog roast, stalls and games. The climax of the event, as ever, was its firework display.

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YOUTH

Ashton, 12, is in top gear!

BEHIND THE WHEEL: Ashton Sherwood qualified for the finals of the 2015 Young Driver Challenge.

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A SCHOOLBOY from Ely has been named one of the best young drivers in the country.

Ashton Sherwood, 12, qualified for the national finals of the 2015 Young Driver Challenge, which was held at the NEC in Birmingham on Saturday.

Run by Young Driver, the UK's largest provider of under-17 driving tuition, the challenge was open to youngsters aged 11 to 16.

Forty finalists were chosen from hundreds of entries and Ashton, who lives with his family in Norfolk Road, made the top 20.

Ashton, a student at Soham Village College, said: "I was given a driving lesson for my birthday and had no idea how much fun it would be!

"I was really excited to hear about the competition and signed up for the test straight away."

He added: "I still can't believe that I made the top 20!

"It was fantastic taking part in the final, and I'm very proud of my achievement.

"To even be in the top 20 for my age group was just a great feeling. The driving challenge itself really put me to the test.

"We had to do things like parallel parking, reversing, tight steering, emergency stops and turns in the road, as well as take on independent driving.

"It was great fun to put everything I've learnt in my lessons into practice and to be given the opportunity to get even more experience.

"Young Driver has given me a good understanding of how to drive, and how to be safe on the roads, which will be really useful when I turn 17."

Participants also had to complete the Goodyear Driving Academy, an interactive online driving simulator which tests their knowledge of the Highway Code.

Kim Stanton, from Young Driver, said: "We're delighted for Ashton and would like to offer our congratulations.

"Our aim has always been to create a safer next generation of young drivers.

"The current accident rate for youngsters is shockingly high – one in five crash within six months of passing their test.

"We believe it is vital to get youngsters learning to drive at an earlier age, so they can gain more experience and when they're more naturally receptive to safety messages."

For more information, visit youngdriver.eu.

EVENT

Head over to rally

REMEMBER Haddenham Steam Rally and Heavy Horse Show is this weekend.

The event is being held on land located off the A1421 on Saturday and Sunday.

The rally itself is now in its 42nd year and the heavy horse show, which is held on the Sunday, is celebrating its 28th anniversary.

There will be more than 600 exhibits from steam engines to vintage motorbikes, as well as Ken Fox's Wall of Death, fairground rides and trade stands and stalls.

Gates open at 9am and entry is £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and free for under 16's. As ever, the rally will be supporting local charities.

COMMUNITY

Tour local mills

FAMILIES are being given the chance to peek behind the doors of local mills.

The East Anglian Mills Society's annual Mills Open Weekend is on Saturday and Sunday.

Wicken Corn Mill will open from 10.30am-6pm on Saturday and Soham's Downfield Mill will open from 10am-5pm on Saturday. On Sunday, Soham's Northfield Mill will open from 11am-4pm.

A spokesman for the society said: "We hope that many heritage lovers will be out and about and will be able to see these mills open to the public."

Visit teamsmills.org to find out more.

CATHEDRAL

All animals welcome at cathedral pet service and blessing

ELY Cathedral's annual pet service and blessing on Sunday, September 20 will be filmed for popular BBC show, *Songs of Praise*.

Pet owners were left disappointed after the cathedral and Wood Green, The Animals Charity announced earlier this year that their 2015 service, scheduled to take place in May, had been axed.

The service, which has been held for 28 years, attracts everything from dogs to alpacas – but bosses at Wood Green decided they wanted to start inviting just dogs to the service "to avoid unnecessary stress caused by multiple species occupying the same space".

The cathedral insisted the service needed to be open to all types of pets and, as a result, the event was axed. However, in July the cathedral announced it was launching its own service to raise money for Wood Green, the Donkey Sanctuary, the K9 Project and Guide Dogs for the Blind. The service starts at 2pm and is open to all pets.

Family fun at police's annual open day

THERE was plenty of fun and frolics at Ely police station at its annual open day in Nutholt Lane on Sunday.

Residents were able to meet their local police officers and PCSOs, and raise any local crime or anti-social behaviour issues they had.

There was also fun for the little ones, including the ever-popular 'speed gun challenge' and tours of the station and police vehicles.

Staff from Ely fire station and ambulance station were also present.

HAVING A RIOT:

PERFECT SIZE: Top: Scarlett Cuthbert, 3.

Maisie Prigg, above, tried out the speed gun challenge – and managed to run at 10 mph.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Astronomy club talk

'GALAXY Formation and the Milky Way' is the title of Ely Astronomy Club's meeting tomorrow.

Dr Denis Erkal, from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, is hosting the talk at Ely Museum's Vernon Cross Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

Non-members are welcome. Email mike@sulis.demon.co.uk.

School sign boasts everyone's names

WITCHFORD Village College pupils returned to school to discover a quirky new sign. The sign, at the college's student entrance, is made up of every single pupil and staff member's name.

Car catches fire in Ely

A CAR fire in Ely started accidentally, it has been confirmed.

Firefighters were called to the blaze in Morton Close at around 1.35pm on Friday and used a hose reel to extinguish the flames.

A fire service spokeswoman said: "Crews returned to their station by 2.25pm.

"The cause of the fire was accidental."

CRIME

Don't become a victim of latest scams

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CRIMINALS are pretending to be police officers to try to con the public out of money.

Cambridgeshire police are urging residents to be vigilant and not fall victim to the scam following two incidents in East Cambridgeshire.

A force spokesman said: "East Cambridgeshire has received two incidents of criminals claiming to be police officers in an effort to convince a victim to part with large sums of cash.

"The offender calls the victim, purporting to be a police officer, and tells them they are investigating a fraud on their bank account and have someone arrested.

"They might also claim to be from the victim's bank, again stating they are investigating fraudulent activity on their account."

Police are urging people to never give personal bank details out over the phone.

The spokesman said: "The offender asks for account information, including card, security and PIN numbers.

"Sometimes the offenders will ask victims to key in their PIN number into the phone. They may also ask the victim to withdraw a large sum of cash from their bank or building society.

"If they make this request they will explain that the money is required as it needs to be forensically examined.

"They also instruct the victim not to tell the bank why they are withdrawing the money, giving the reason that the bank might be involved in the fraud.

"The victim is then instructed to put the bank cards and/or money into an envelope and give them to a courier or taxi, which is sent to the house by the offenders to collect the items.

"If bank cards are collected they will be later used by the offenders to withdraw money.

"In some cases the victim might become suspicious and doubt the validity of what the caller is saying.

"If this happens, the offender will suggest they call the police via 999 or 101, or contact their bank in order that the victim can confirm the caller's identity.

"However, what the victim doesn't realise is that the caller hasn't hung up so the line remains open, even if the victim hangs up, so the victim is put straight back through to the offender who will then pretend to be another person. "This 'new' person will then validate the original caller's claims."

Call police on 101 if you receive a call.

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'Fenstrich' the biggest threat

THE greatest threat to the Bittern/ Otter population in the Roswell/ Potter group pits area isn't Mink as suggested by "Name and Address withheld" a few weeks ago.
The greatest threat comes from that dreaded beast known as the "Fenland Ostrich" or "Fenstrich". The Fenstrich is native to the Fens and spends most of its life with head buried under the dark, rich, peaty soil.
Every once in a while it raises its head to crow "I've been 'ere for ages and I've never seen a Bittern nor an Otter! I've spoken to me mates and they ain't seen one neither! Therefore, I know they don't exist!"
Then they start promoting development of wild spaces, which in turn destroys any suitable habitat for Bittern, Otter, Grasshopper, Warbler etc.
There have been Bittern living in the Roswell/ Potter group pits area, there is film footage of them.
There were photos printed in the local press. I have heard a booming male on 2 separate occasions.
People have told me they have seen them.
The location is obviously suitable for them and like most aviators will use the river to navigate and come from other areas
The real issues are, can we maintain and nurture the area so it becomes a site where they flourish?
Can we protect the area from the effects of development?
Can we leave something to inspire awe and wonder in the eyes of our children and our children's children?
R J Malster
Ramsey Road
Ely

Surely we can just say no?

YOUR front page article in the *Ely News* about the alarming prospect of existing traditional street lamps in the city centre being replaced with modern utilitarian lighting made me think about the comparison with building development in a conservation area, such as the centre of Ely.
If one applies for planning permission to alter, extend or develop a building in a conservation area the planning authority applies this test: will the proposed work preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area? If they consider the answer to be 'No' the application will be refused regardless of other merits it might have.
Surely the same test should be applied to the replacement of the existing streetlights by the County Council's contractor and, therefore, the City Council must be right to request the involvement of the East Cambridgeshire DC conservation officer. The same or similar styled streetlights as the existing ones are available with modern lamp technology, which would ensure carbon emissions reductions are maintained, but of course they would be more expensive than the basic utilitarian design being adopted.
Surely this would be a small price to pay for 'preserving or enhancing the character of Ely's conservation area'.
I am also surprised the contract between the county council and Balfour Beatty does not seem to have included the requirement for sensitive and appropriate lighting replacement in the County's conservation areas and other historic locations, because if so the present dispute could not have arisen.
Norman Webber
Juniper Drive
Ely

Girl power to raise hospice cash

WOMEN will be stepping out wearing their pyjamas to raise funds for St Nicholas Hospice Care.
Sharon Heaps, who runs Slimming World groups in Littleport, and dozens of her members are taking part in the hospice's Girls Night Out moonlight walk on Saturday.
There are two routes for the walk – 6 miles or 11.2 miles – with a party atmosphere and entertainment along the way.
Organisers hope the challenge will beat the 2014 event, which saw 1,500 women walk and raise £150,000 for the hospice, based in Bury St Edmunds.
To register for this year's walk or for more information about next year's, go to stnicholashospicecare.org.uk.

This work must be stopped

ALBEIT somewhat belatedly, I wanted to register my dismay at the headlines last week in the *Ely News* concerning the County Council's programme of works to replace the heritage streetlights.
I fully agree with the sentiments of the Mayor and Cllr Coralie Green in that this work should be stopped.
The existing heritage streetlights are attractive and add to the overall character of Ely. The proposed replacement streetlights will certainly spoil that character. I am surprised that whilst those of us who live within the conservation area have to comply with various rules and regulations (and quite rightly so if we are to maintain the character of the area) it seems that the County Council do not have to abide by the same restrictions. I wonder what English Heritage would make of the situation?
J Stone
Parade Lane
Ely

I'll believe it when I see it

SO, we are now told that the Ely By-Pass should be completed by the end of 2017 – how exciting this news is after all the delays.
However, does anyone really believe it bearing in mind the previous interventions of the do-gooders like English Heritage?
No doubt some group or other will discover a family of greater crested newts on the site and get the project delayed for another five years.
At this rate it would be easier to move Ely City somewhere else thus obviating the need for a by-pass.
Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Why can't we have a lift?

ELY Railway Station is getting a facelift, but why, oh why, aren't they putting in a lift?
The drag on that old subway is a killer, OK it maybe good for the exercise, but when you have a heavy suitcase, it's certainly not fun!
There are many people like myself, who still like to travel on trains and be independent. Cambridge and many other stations do have lifts, so why not Ely? Ely station is quite a busy one and the cost of tickets going up all the time, surely life could be made a bit easier for us without having to ask for special assistance!
Mary King
Lisle Lane
Ely

No Mr Cameron, we're not full

NO more room at the inn?
Is there a single parent out there not moved to tears by an image like this? I say 'parent' specifically but I find it hard to imagine any person with a living, beating heart not being moved, saddened or angered by the plight of this poor little mite and thousands like him.

Yet it's not just babies, toddlers and older children facing this optionless fate. Like his parents, grandparents, friends and other relatives, this little person is just that – a person.
We, in Britain, are being told by our leaders that there is 'no more room at the inn'. We are a small island nation of compassionate, resourceful and overwhelmingly intelligent folk. Our thirst for ways to a better and more

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fulfilling existence is matched only by our boundless talent for achieving it. Worthy as we may be though, has this apparent success in some way nurtured a less palatable characteristic in our collective psyches? One which dulls our sense of empathy as a mechanism to justify the belief that however desperate their suffering, we'd like to help them but we can't?

Britain is not full but if you choose to believe it there are many anecdotal arguments at your disposal which may reinforce your belief. I'm the first in line when it comes to complaining about a two-week wait to see my GP, or a three-hour wait in A&E with a poorly child.

The lack of affordable care for our elderly and vulnerable is lamentable and the shortage of available housing for first time buyers is... well, inconvenient at worst.

Nevertheless, we are the very fortunate custodians of services and facilities which, however flawed in our eyes, the majority of the world's population can only dream of. Perhaps more significantly, we are safe.

My argument is that there is not a lack of space or resources – it's just that many of us have become used to having and expecting more than we need. Ironically, none more so than those in power who are denying people like the poor little chap in the picture somewhere to be safe.

I truly believe and hope that in the shadow of this unfolding horror, we will endeavour to look beyond the political rhetoric pedalled by the likes of David Cameron and Theresa May. If we're all willing to enjoy the fruits of a global community, then surely we have a moral obligation to bare the humanitarian burden when the need arises?

Luke Hall
School Lane
Wilburton

Your pictures

EVERYDAY GARDEN BEAUTY: Peter Diver sent us this photo of a red admiral on a buddleia bloom which he took in his garden in Soham

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We must show compassion

I AM writing to counter some of the statements made by Peter Diver in his letter last week 'Are they naive?'(3 September).

People are leaving Syria, not because they are a persecuted minority, but as a result of four years of civil war, with over 250,000 lives lost – a war that began with protests by the majority against a minority government, which then responded with brute force.

It is definitely not a fact that communities will act to protect themselves from those who are from a different culture, religon or colour from them.

The UK took in nearly 10,000 Jewish children just before the Second World War; in 1972 the UK took in almost 60,000 Asians expelled from Uganda; the West welcomed 1.3 million people after the Vietnam war – all without major difficulties and with subsequent cultural and economic enrichment of the host countries.

It is hardly surprising that refugees are not heading for Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, both of whom have repressive regimes that heavily restrict freedom of assembly, speech and religion and where torture remains a serious problem.

And perhaps we should indeed look at how other nations have dealt with refugees searching for safety from war: between them Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt have hosted 3.8 million refugees. In Lebanon one in four residents is now Syrian. In contrast, the UK has resettled 216 Syrian refugees and granted asylum to 4,000.

I agree with Peter Diver that a fundamental change in Western society is needed, and quickly: Europe's population is large enough to absorb substantially larger numbers of refugees. And perhaps those of us not facing 'a tough life' can find it in our hearts to show compassion and provide safely and shelter to those who are.

Sally MacEachern
Haddenham

We need to be less emotive

IT goes without saying that those people in Calais desperate to enter the UK are humans. It goes without saying that this is a human disaster of epic proportions. At the same time this emotive reportage covering is not helpful. We cannot continue to take more and more people into this country without providing, housing, education, health provision and all that goes with a growing population. More importantly whist we insist on wanting the cheapest food possible, whilst we continue to degrade our soils of nutrients and water and whilst we continue to poison our animals and spray massive amounts of chemicals on our soils dramatic as it may seem how many years before we face the same issues that are decimating the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

We need to be more circumspect in our discussion over number of people we can support in this country and a little less emotive and unthinking of the ramifications of such actions.

Kate Travers
High St
Sutton

I feel ashamed to be British

I AM bound to say that I am deeply ashamed to be British at this time. Our elected Government seem to have no empathy or understanding of what these homeless, desperate, families fleeing from tyranny are going through.

Shame on David Cameron for his complete lack of humanitarianism. How can he be so callous in the name of the British people.

Terry McCarthy
Barlings Court
Newmarket

What can I do to help?

HERE I sit alone and worried for all of the refugees. I am lucky, I have a roof over my head in the country I grew up in. Sadly the government of this country thinks it can put a number on how many refugees to take.

I am lucky, I have a spare bedroom. Sadly due to me being ill, I cannot work and therefore pay the bedroom tax.

How lucky am I? Lucky enough to see that I can help someone who has nowhere to live, like a refugee. Please, I ask YOU, how can I help, on my own? Will the churches pull together to organise 'spare bedrooms' or are people going to have to sleep on the floor? Are people going to be offered B&B? I believe in charity and have volunteered in various charity shops but not once did it make me feel like this.

We share this planet. We should share what we have in a time of war as this is a war. This is not another episode of EastEnders. This is really happening. So I will be glad to hear how we can all help, not just by driving to Calais with food and clothes. What about long term?

Melody Barker
High Barns
Ely

We are morally bound to help

A LONG time ago I cycled round the 'Crusader' castles in Syria. I was met, as an obvious British citizen, with constant help, friendliness and intelligence, despite at that time the Syrian government and the West being at loggerheads. Would that the people of this area could show the same graciousness to Syrian refugees fleeing in part a situation encouraged by the western media's call for an Arab spring - remember the original Prague spring resulted in tanks rolling in from the USSR. This is so much worse and surely we are morally as well as humanely bound to rescue these refugees from a journey which can only be a enforced nightmare.

F. Stewart
Great Fen Road
Soham

Time to 'do the right thing'

I AM appalled at the images of suffering refugees fleeing the war-torn regions of our world. We here in the UK are so fortunate. I am also appalled by the lack of compassion shown by our politicians, although I understand that the public attitude towards immigration in general may have hardened their hearts to the plight of their fellow humans.

However, I believe a clear distinction can be made between economic migrants and refugees – which should be able to counter the prevailing fears about immigration.

I would beg our political leaders to "do the right thing" (as Mr Cameron so frequently says we should do...) and act to help alleviate the suffering that is taking place on such a tragic scale.

I for one will be ashamed to be a citizen of the UK if we do not act to help these people.

Ann Blythe
Waterside
Ely

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COLEBY
Derek

of Littleport, passed away peacefully in hospital on Thursday 3rd September 2015 aged 82 years

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For details of the Funeral Service please contact Ely Funeral Service

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MARTIN
Denise

Of Little Thetford

Passed peacefully away on Monday 31st August 2015 aged 58 years.

Much loved wife, mum, granny and sister.

Funeral service to be held at St George's Church, Little Thetford on Monday 14th September at 12 noon, followed by a private family committal.

Family flowers only but donations in memory of Denise for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity may be left at the service or sent to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5BN, Tel. 01353 720439

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Deaths

PEACOCK
Olive Joan
'JOAN'

of Mepal

Passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday 28th August 2015 aged 92 years.

Loved and missed by her family Gillian, Malcolm, Spencer, Giles, Danny, Jaimie and Arthur.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Mepal on Monday 14th September 2015 at 11.30am followed by committal at Fenland Crematorium, March.

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ROBERTS
Phillip Michael
(Phil)

of Witchford

Died after a long illness on Tuesday 25th August, with his family at his side, at The Gables Nursing Home, Littleport, aged 71 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Carol, Father to Dean and Mark and Father-in-Law to Joann. Grandad to Jack and Amy and a friend to Alfie. Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service to be held at St Andrew's Church, Witchford on Friday 11th September 2015 at 2.30pm.

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Jenny, David and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, letters and flowers received during their recent sad loss of Stan.
A special thank you to the doctors and staff at Haddenham Surgery, Mr Turner and staff at Addenbrookes Hospital. The district nurses, and Arthur Rank night care nurses for all their help and support.
Thank you to the many friends who attended the church, Rev Jenny Gage for a beautiful service, Alwyn and Heather Carter for their help with funeral arrangements, for the generous donations given in memory of Stan for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity which amounts to £750.00 to date.

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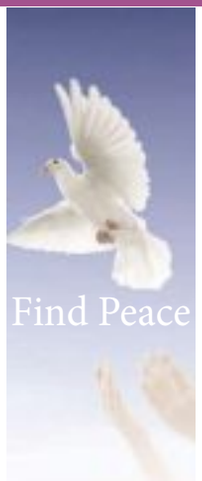

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FUNDRAISING

Alfie's challenge raises over £2k for kids' hospital

WILL POWER: Alfie has raised more than £2k.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

ELY schoolboy Alfie McCreadie has raised more than £2,000 for charity by sticking to his word and walking for 20 minutes every day during his summer holidays.

Seven-year-old Alfie gets bullied about his weight so he decided to not only use his time during the school break to improve his fitness but also raise as much as he could for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

Alfie, a pupil at Ely St Mary's Junior School, started doing his daily walks on July 23 and finished his challenge on Sunday when more than 80 people turned out to see him complete his final walk.

Alfie, who lives with his family in Kings Avenue, said: "I get bullied at school and get called fat so I wanted to show those bullies they can't hurt me."

His mum, Hannah, who runs a childminding business, said: "Alfie's a chunky lad and was blessed with my genes unfortunately.

"He's continuously being bullied at school due to his weight, which is obviously really difficult for him, as well as us.

"He's an active boy; he's just not very sporty.

"We are super proud of him and everything he has achieved. Sunday was a really emotional day."

To date, Alfie has raised more than £2,250 with donations still pouring in.

To sponsor him, visit justgiving.com/Alfie-McCreadie.

IN BRIEF

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Author to talk at library

AUTHOR Anna Chilvers is coming to Ely to talk about the 500-mile walk she is doing.

In 657, St Etheldreda fled from St Abbs in Scotland to Ely Cathedral. This year, funded by the Arts Council, Anna is walking in her footsteps, and she will be talking about the walk so far at Ely Library on Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm.

Tickets are £1 by calling 0345 045 5200.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New homes planned for land in Pymoor

TWO new homes look set to be built in the village of Pymoor.

Mr J Henderson has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build two bungalows on land behind 20 to 24 in Straight Furlong.

A decision could be made within eight weeks.

Visit eastcambs.gov.uk to view the proposals and to have your say.

Mum Arran launches new running group

AN Ely mum has set up a new running fitness group.

Arran Selhi's new group is called Get Your A:Run and it is for runners of all ages and abilities.

She said: "I decided to turn my love of running into a group to inspire others to get fit, active and enjoy the social aspect of the sport." Call 07900 245936 or email coach@a-run.co.uk.

CAMPAIGN

£4,000 raised for Alex within a matter of days!

OVERWHELMED: Alex Lister pictured with his mum, Annalise.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

"OVERWHELMING" generosity has resulted in £4,000 being raised in just a few days to buy Soham schoolboy Alex Lister a new wheelchair.

Alex's story only appeared in the *Ely News* and our sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, last week but it touched the hearts of so many readers, businesses and organisations that the amount needed was raised by the weekend.

Alex's mum, Annalise, said: "We're completely blown away. People's generosity has been phenomenal and really overwhelming.

"We didn't think for one minute we'd raise the £4,000 in months, let alone days, and we cannot thank everyone enough. Alex has become a bit of a celebrity, which of course he loves."

Alex, 12, who lives with Annalise, his dad, Mark, and younger brother, Daniel, in Paddock Street, needs to use a wheelchair after a highly aggressive brain tumour left him with a weakness down his right side.

The Soham Village College pupil vowed to complete his own mini triathlon to raise the funds to buy the chair – and despite the £4,000 having now been raised, brave Alex is still determined to complete it.

He plans to walk 1km, cycle 1km and complete a 100m swim. Annalise said: "Alex is a fantastic, brave boy who has overcome the odds time and time again.

"He's still determined to do his mini triathlon and we're hoping he'll be able to do it this weekend."

Alex was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2009 when he was just six and in 2012 doctors warned his family that he could have just days to live.

But three years later and Alex is going from strength to strength.

Annalise said: "Everyone who knows Alex has been simply amazed by his progress.

"While we will never be out of the woods regarding his cancer, we have got to the stage where we are trying to lead as normal a life as possible."

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NEW, local family-run business ARC Motors opened this week in Soham and owners Ria and Andy Brennan are excited about offering a new service to the local community.

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Lego club marks its first birthday

ELY Lego Club is celebrating its first anniversary.

Lego-loving little ones flocked to Ely Library on Thursday to... you guessed it, build Lego – and eat cake.

The city's library was the first in Cambridgeshire to launch its own Lego club and since then a similar club has been set up in Huntingdon. A member of staff dressed up as the Lego man for the party, plus there was a special Lego cake.

The Friends of Ely Library sponsored the party and have also bought a cabinet where each month the children's different Lego creations will be displayed.

The club is held on the first Thursday of the month from 3.45-4.45pm. The club is free, although tickets need to be booked in advance from the library.

LEGO LOVERS: Juliet Konkol, 6, has fun at the event.
Picture: Keith Heppell

COUNCIL

Flood risks – have your say

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

RESIDENTS are being urged to speak up about how flood risks in the Ely area could be better managed.

The Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is being produced by Cambridgeshire County Council in conjunction with the county's five other local planning authorities, including East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The council says the document will support policies in each authority's Local Plan.

The guidance seeks to reduce the environmental impact of new homes and businesses on the water environment.

The council says this will be through "outlining how sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) should be used in new developments and how flood risk should be managed".

FLOODED: Residents are being asked for their view on how flood risk areas could be better managed

The authority adds: "SuDS mimic natural drainage like gullies and ponds to manage surface water run-off from development to reduce flood risk, and can also deliver wider benefits such as providing green areas that are good for plants, animals and people".

Residents, businesses and local groups are being urged to have their say on the draft guidance.

Tanya Sheridan, head of growth and economy at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "Cambridgeshire's history is indelibly linked to reclaiming land from water through many ingenious schemes.

"Growth in Cambridgeshire needs to be sustainable and to this end we are consulting on guidance that helps manage flood risk in new developments.

"We are keen to get people's thoughts and comments on this over the next six weeks."

The consultation opened on Friday and people have until Friday, October 16 to have their say.

Once finalised, developers will need to comply with the guidance when building new developments.

For more information or to make comments, visit consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/spd/fw.

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Get involved in project

VOLUNTEERS are still needed for a project exploring what life was like in the Ely area during the Second World War.

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Have your finds ID'd at free museum event

HAVE you found something interesting in your garden or while out for a walk?

A free Ask the Archaeologist event is being held at Ely Museum on Saturday, September 19 from 10.30am-1pm.

Auditions for musical

WITCHFORD Amateur Dramatics Society is on the hunt for both adults and children to star in its next musical – Alice in Wonderland.

Auditions are being held at the village's St Andrew's Hall. The first is on Sunday from 1-3pm and is for under 16's.

On Thursday, September 17 there are auditions from 7-9pm for adults and on Sunday, September 20 from 1-3pm there are auditions for both.

FUNDRAISING

A mountain to climb in memory of my best friend

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

CLIMBING HIGH: Courtney has raised around £1,500 for charity by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

A UNIVERSITY student has raised around £1,500 for charity by climbing the world's highest free-standing mountain in memory of his best friend.

Courtney Pettifor, 20, says losing his best friend, Dylan Minar, was one of the most difficult experiences he has ever had to deal with.

Courtney met Dylan when they were fellow students at Ely College.

Dylan, from Little Downham, moved to Florida, America, but the pair were still close friends when Dylan unexpectedly took his own life last November, aged just 19.

Courtney, of Fishers Bank, Littleport, was one of 28 people who spent six days climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, which is 5,895m high, with the Action Challenge group.

He was raising money for PAPYRUS – the UK charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide.

Courtney, who is currently studying sport science at St Mary's University in Twickenham, said: "Dylan taking his own life was a very traumatic experience for everyone who knew him.

"It proved to be one of the most difficult experiences I have ever had to deal with but earlier this year I decided that it was time, as his best friend, to positively remember Dylan by doing this event in his memory.

"It was the most amazing experience. We were all speechless and really emotional when we got to the top.

"The majority of the group suffered quite badly with altitude sickness but I didn't, which was lucky.

"There were 28 of us who did it and I certainly made some lifelong friends during those six days."

Courtney added: "I've raised around £1,500 for PAPYRUS so far, which is a lot more than I thought I would. I'd like to thank everyone who has donated."

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Asbestos boiler sold on to firm

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A DEMOLITION and licensed asbestos removal company has been fined after it sold a boiler found to contain asbestos.

Norwich Magistrates' Court heard that in 2012, Anglian Demolition and Asbestos Limited was the contractor for the demolition and asbestos removal work at the boiler house at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), prosecuting, told the court the firm had removed two boilers from the boiler house and sold them to Kings Boiler Hire Limited. One of the boilers was then found to contain asbestos.

Anglian Demolition and Asbestos Limited, based in Attleborough, Norfolk, was fined a total of £2,750 and ordered to pay £1,716 in costs after pleading guilty to an offence under Regulation 11(2) of the REACH Enforcement Regulations 2008.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Edward Crick said: "The dangers of asbestos fibres to health are well known.

"Asbestos fibres, and items that have asbestos intentionally added to them, are items that cannot legally be placed on the market, as detailed by requirements of the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation EC No 1907/2006.

"Placing on the market has a wide definition and includes supplying or making available, whether in return for payment or free of charge, to a third party and applies at every stage in the supply chain."

Lee Storer, managing director of Anglian Demolition and Asbestos Limited, said: "Although disappointed with the verdict and the decision to prosecute by the HSE, we deeply regret what was an unintentional oversight in allowing one of two by six tonne boilers containing a single asbestos gasket weighing approximately 0.1kg to leave one of our demolition sites for refurbishment at a specialist boiler sales and hire contractor.

"It was never our intention to allow this onto the open market and no one had been put at risk.

"The company has had an exemplary health and safety record since it was formed in 2005 and we take any procedural failings very seriously.

"We have therefore revised our standard working procedures as one of the measures to prevent such recurrences."

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THE CROWN: Claire Foy pictured during filming of the major new drama in Ely.

BBC wanted to produce The Crown

THE BBC wanted to make the new royal drama, The Crown, but "could not compete" with Netflix, according to a national report.

In an interview with The Independent, director of BBC Television, Danny Cohen, spoke of his frustration at missing out on "a classic BBC subject" and said the BBC was asking itself "what do we do to keep up" with giant media companies operating in global markets.

Doctor Who's Matt Smith, Wolf Hall's Claire Foy and actor John Lithgow were all in Ely filming for the new drama last month. The first season of The Crown is reported to be costing Netflix around £100m.

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Bash raises YPL cash

FUN and frolics at Wood Fen Lodge Beauty Spa in Little Downham have helped to raise £800 for charity.

The spa held a garden party on August 30 in aid of Young People Littleport (YPL). Families braved the rain to enjoy live music, cream teas and a variety of games.

Yvonne Martin, who runs the business with her husband, Alan, said: "Such love and laughter filled the grounds here and the whole day had a real feel good factor."

Discover more about nocturnal creatures

GET closer to bats and other nocturnal critters in Ely tomorrow.

The Ely Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is holding a Creatures of the Night event where families will be able to find out more about nocturnal animals, such as bats and owls, which call the Ely Wildspace area home. All ages welcome. Meet at the fisherman's carpark, in Willow Walk, at 7pm. Call (01353) 651339.

FIRE SAFETY

Landlord urges people to take fire safety seriously

TAKING FIRE SAFETY SERIOUSLY: From left: Ely Watch Commander Mark Coupar, landlord Mike Connelly and Fire Protection Watch Commander Darryl Sharp.

JORDAN **DAY**
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A PUB landlord has been praised for swotting up on fire safety following a blaze at his business.

It was in June that a fire broke out at the Prince Albert, in Silver Street, Ely.

Although the fire, which started in a tumble dryer, was small, the pub's landlord, Mike Connelly, and his team have sharpened up their fire safety knowledge by attending one of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's free business fire safety seminars.

Officers from the service's fire protection team – and Mr Connelly – are now calling on all local businesses to do the same.

Mr Connelly, who also runs the Royal Standard in Ely's Forehill, and The Anchor in Sutton Gault, said: "The business fire safety seminar acted to refocus my attention on current legislation and the importance of regular fire risk assessments.

"First and foremost we have removed some of the risk from the building.

"We now outsource the laundry of our kitchen cloths and we have no requirement for a tumble dryer in the building.

"We also now have a dedicated person to do the weekly and monthly detection and emergency lighting tests and keep staff training up to date. We have scheduled this into a very specific time of the week so that it has become routine."

He added: "It is definitely worth taking the time to attend the business seminar to refresh your knowledge and to keep fire safety management at the forefront of your mind.

"Dedicating a small period of time each week to fire safety management and making this routine is achievable for every business and may ultimately save lives."

Watch Commander Darryl Sharp, who carried out a post-fire audit at the pub, said: "We are very impressed by the changes the business had made and happy to report they are fully compliant." Visit cambsfire.gov.uk to find out more.

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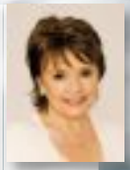
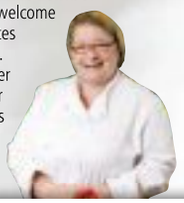
Firstly on **25th September** we welcome the stars of Strictly Come Dancing **CAMILLA DALLERUP and IAN WAITE,** who will bring us a spectacular evening of Dance, Singing and stories from their time on the BBC hit show.

Then on **4th October** stars of stage and screen **ROY HUDD, DIANE KEEN, IAN LAVENDER and RULA LENSKA** join forces with local choir **WITCHFORD VOICES** to bring us the wonderful, elegant and amusing review show 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen' – a celebration of all things English in music and verse.

Following this on **16th October** former politician **MICHAEL PORTILLO** comes to The Brook with his 'evening with' and shares with us his experiences, interests and many incredible stories. On **13th November** Mark Andrews Award winning Productions return with a wonderful show for all ages, taking us back to the great days of variety entertainment, starring the Legendary International Irish Singing star **DANA** and from ITV'S The Comedians, the hilarious comedy star - **DUGGIE BROWN.**



Our final two celebrity events before Christmas are on **22nd November** we present the wonderful Anecdotes and Astronomy Show with Britain's greatest astronomer and most popular Strictly celebrity guest star **RUSSELL GRANT** and on **27th November** we welcome celebrity chef and star of 'Ladettes to Ladies' and 'I'm a Celebrity'... **ROSEMARY SHRAGER** with her live stage show featuring all her best baking tips and Rosemary's most hilarious stories!



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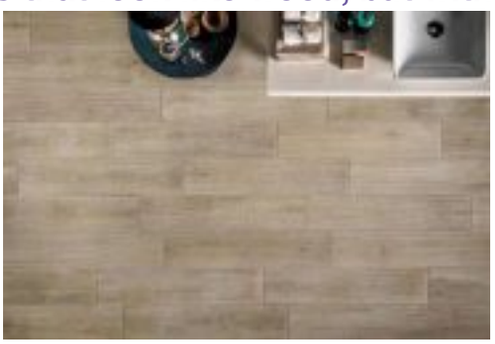

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The vouchers are being issued on a first come, first served basis.

Businesses can check their eligibility and apply online at destinationdigital.info/vouchers.

FIFTH BIRTHDAY: Cheriee Chater, left, and Jo Evans, are the firm's directors.

Agency's auction of promises

A PR agency is celebrating five years in business by holding an online fundraising auction of promises.

Emerald Frog Marketing, based on the E-Space North business centre in Littleport, has organised the auction to raise money for five local charities – the Liam Fairhurst Foundation, Little Bundles, Froglife, The Wildlife Trust and Branching Out.

Jo Evans, a director at Emerald Frog Marketing, said: "We've set ourselves a big challenge to mark our five year anniversary raising money for local charities.

"Prizes include a flight for three over Cambridge, a Samsung tablet, a signed photograph of Jenson Button as well as numerous other exciting prizes kindly donated by local businesses to raise money."

The auction is running until October 9. To bid, visit emeraldfrog.co.uk/5-star-charity-auction.

White Stuff opening

NATIONAL fashion chain White Stuff is opening its new Ely store next week.

The company, which sells casual clothes and accessories for men and women, has confirmed that its store on Market Place will be opening on Tuesday, September 15.

A spokeswoman said: "The shop will feature a mix of clothing, footwear and accessories for men and women, as well as homeware, and will showcase the brand's unique and creative approach to interiors and display."

The new shop is going where the Yours clothing shop used to be, and is the 100th White Stuff store to open in the UK. White Stuff says the new store is creating around a dozen jobs.

A special two-day opening party event is being held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16 and 17 from 9am-9pm where there will be food, crafts, face painting and a prize draw.

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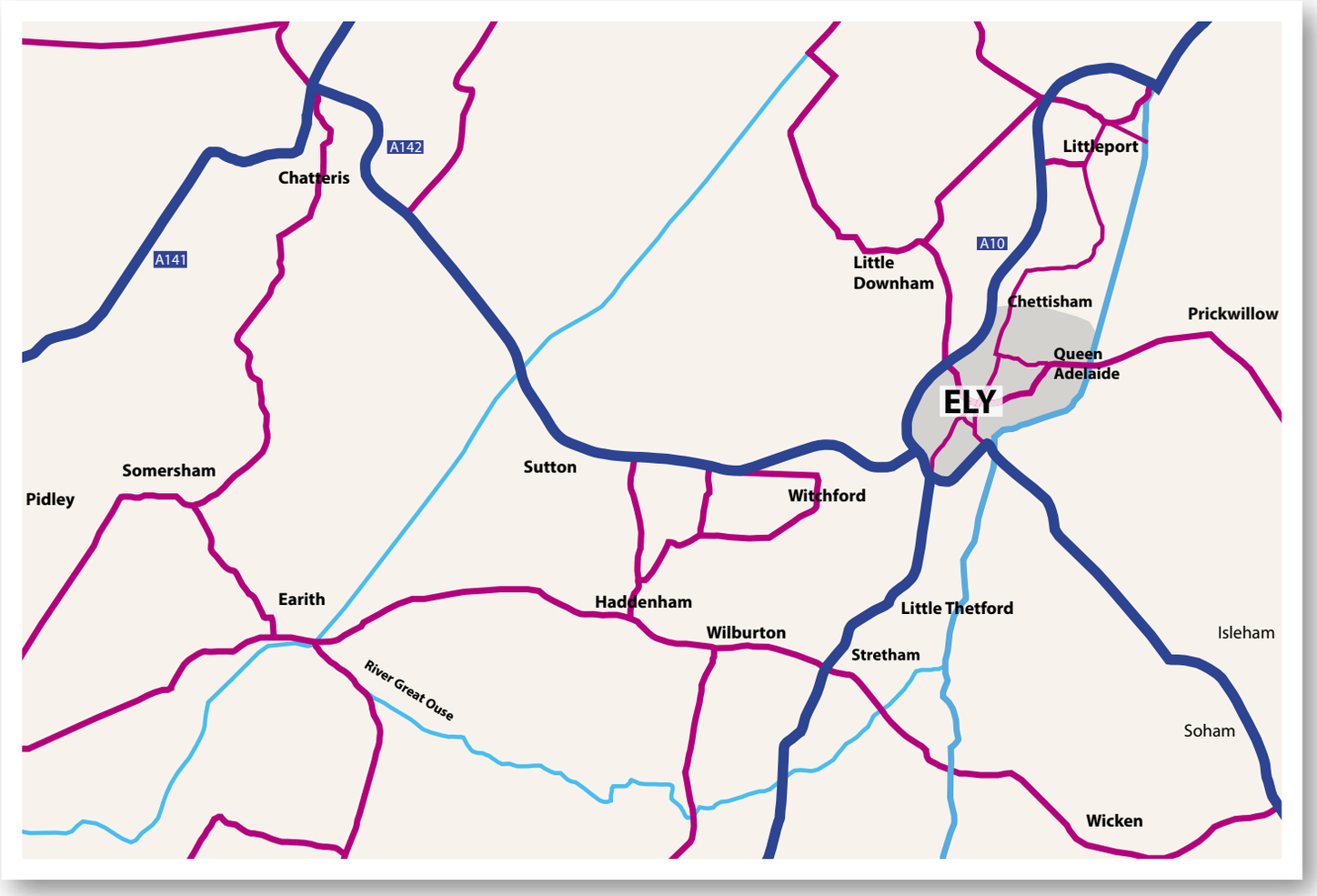

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PYMOOR £980 pcm

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LITTLEPORT £810 pcm

Modern 3 bedroom terrace house. Kitchen/breakfast room with gas hob, double electric oven, dishwasher & tiled flooring, Lounge with French doors to rear garden, Cloakroom, Master bedroom with white shower en suite, Family bathroom with white suite & shower over bath. Enclosed rear garden with gate leading to 2 x parking spaces. EPC band B (81)

RAMSEY ST MARY £725 pcm

A three bedroom semi-detached house. Fitted kitchen with cooker, Dining room with door leading out into rear garden. Lounge with under stair cupboard. Cloakroom. Family bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Front and back gardens, Single garage. EPC band C (71)

SOHAM £800 pcm

Mid - terrace three bedroom property set in popular village of Soham. Entrance hall, Ground Floor Cloakroom, Living Room through to Dining Area with Patio doors to Garden, Three bedrooms with En-Suite Shower to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom with White suite. Garden. EPC band C (78)

SUTTON £675 pcm

Two bedroom semi detached house with garage. Lounge with Patio doors leading out to rear garden, Kitchen with cooker, Master & second bedroom benefit from wood flooring. Bathroom with white suite & shower over bath. Wood flooring on ground floor & tiled flooring in kitchen. Rear enclosed garden with gate to driveway & single garage. Front garden. EPB band F (31)

SOHAM £800 pcm

A 3/4 bedroom semi detached link house. Lounge/dining area, Kitchen with built in dishwasher, double oven, 5 ring gas hob. Patio doors leading to Conservatory with patio doors to rear garden. 4th bedroom/study in the garage conversion. Bathroom with white suite. Loft conversion with ladder for access. Rear garden with patio area and shed. Parking. Gas heating. EPC band D (68)

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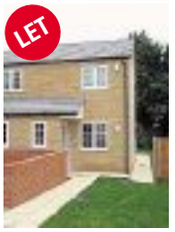

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We are delighted to offer For Sale this end of terrace house close to the town centre of Soham. The accommodation comprises of Hall, lounge, kitchen,cloakroom, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden. Gas central heating and double glazing. Garage en block. EPC rating TBC. Viewing recommended.

Soham £725 pcm

A three bedroom semi detached house located in the market town of Soham benefiting from double glazing and gas radiator heating. Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, lean to/utility room, first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage to rear.Available 12th September.EPC rating E.Tenant fees apply.

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A three bedroom semi detached house situated on this small select development. Entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen with integrated appliances, first floor landing, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking. Sorry no pets. Available immediately. EPC rating C.

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NEW

Ely £199,950

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NEW

Haddenham £325,000

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Sutton £319,950

Situated close to the village centre, this established detached family home has been extended and now offers accommodation comprising dining/family room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. EPR E.

Littleport £164,950

A well appointed character 2 bedroom cottage situated conveniently close to the village amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, kitchen / breakfast room, lounge, bathroom and 2 double bedrooms. To the rear there is an enclosed courtyard garden. No upward chain. EPR C.

Sutton £164,950

A superbly presented end of terrace property situated in this popular village with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with attractive gardens to front and rear, garage and parking. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR TBC.

Pymoor £169,995

An established and spacious semi detached house situated on a superb plot with the rear garden measuring 78' x 50', backing onto farmland giving attractive views. Kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with double width driveway and lawned gardens. The property is offered for sale with no upward chain and is an ideal first time purchase. EPR E.

Littleport £245,000

A well presented modern detached family home within walking distance of the local primary school. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, 22' kitchen/dining room, utility room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, attractive gardens, parking & single garage. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR D.

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Little Ouse £325,000

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Soham £430,000

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Little Downham £425,000

A spacious detached home close to the centre the village. Entrance hall, 19' x 15' 5' lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, side hall, utility, cloakroom, 4 double bedrooms, refitted bathroom, shower room, enclosed rear garden, extensive driveway & garage, oil central heating. EPR E.

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Littleport £675,000

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SUTTON £169,995

This chain free bungalow in the ever popular village of Haddenham offers lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, wetroom and rear garden. EPC D

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- 4 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Garden and parking
- EPC Rating C

SOHAM O.I.R.O. £249,950

- 2006 built townhouse
- Good size plot
- 4 bedrooms
- Family bathroom & en-suite
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge & dining room
- Leasehold garage
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £139,950

- Modern groundfloor apartment
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/dining room
- Shower room
- Courtyard garden
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating C

SUTTON £375,000

- Modern and individual house
- Cul de sac location
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT O.I.R.O. £339,950

- 2008 build Potton style home
- Non estate location
- Spacious kitchen/ diner
- Lounge and study
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite & dresssing room
- Integral double garage
- EPC Rating B

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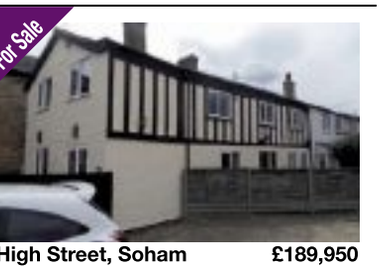

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To Let

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STRETHAM £770,000

NEW

A beautifully appointed 1930's detached residence set in grounds of approximately 1 acre which lies opposite the recreation ground, in this sought after village location.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility Room & Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedrooms, Garage / Workshop, Extensive Gardens & Orchard EPC 38 (F)

ALDRETH £262,500

A well appointed, 3/4 bedroom, detached bungalow backing onto open countryside in this small desirable hamlet.
Entrance Hall, Open Plan Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bedroom Four/Study, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking EPC 64 (D)

STRETHAM £565,000

A beautifully appointed, substantial, modern double fronted detached residence which forms part of an exclusive development of properties in this sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Superb Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Study, First Floor Sitting Room with Balcony and Far Reaching Countryside Views, 6 Bedrooms, Walk-in Wardrobe and En-Suite Bathroom to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Second Floor Shower Room, Oil Fired Central Heating, Gardens, Double Garage. EPC - 82(B)

ELY £350,000

A modern individual detached three bedroom bungalow set on an enviable corner plot in a highly sought after cul de sac location. Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage & Driveway Parking

No Upward Chain
EPC 47 (E)

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SUTTON £435,000

A rare opportunity to acquire an exceptionally well presented, 4 bedroom, detached family home situated in an exclusive small development with beautifully landscaped gardens and outstanding countryside views to the rear. Entrance Hall Cloakroom, Study, Dining Area, Triple Aspect Sitting Room, Dual Aspect Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Large Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Refitted Family Shower Room, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Driveway Parking, Double Garage, Gardens Extending to Front, Side and Rear. EPC 53(E)

SUTTON £400,000

An opportunity to purchase a non-estate, extended and refurbished, detached house situated in a quiet lane. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, L-Shaped Sitting Room, 32ft Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Family Room, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with 4 Piece En-Suite Bathroom, 5 Further Bedrooms (4 Double), Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, 150' Rear Garden, Garage & Ample Off Road. No Upward Chain EPC - 70(C)

ELY £245,000

NEW

Built in 2013, this impressive 3 bedroom semi-detached family home, offers modern stylish living throughout and is situated on the highly sought after Cathedral View development.
Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room,, Kitchen / Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden. EPC 80 (C)

ELY £269,950

NEW

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An impressive and spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached family home situated on a generous corner plot in a small cul de sac, just a short walk form the City centre and St John's School.
Entrance Hall, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Potential Study Recess, Utility Room, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens. EPC 59 (D)

MEPAL £170,000

A delightful, well appointed, 3 bedroom terraced property with garage and garden, which lies in an appealing cul-de-sac location, just off the High Street in this popular location.

Sitting Room, Dining Area, Conservatory, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garden, Garage

EPC 58(D)

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Period Cottage EPC F

Soham

This detached period cottage makes for a loving family home. The current owners have lived in this spacious 3 bedroom property happily for 24 years. Situated within walking distance of schools and shops and set in a semi rural location. REF: 9642

- Detached period cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Open fireplace in lounge
- Terraced garden to rear
- Off street parking
- Non estate location

Central Location

Ideal First Time Buy OIEO £160,000

Littleport EPC D

A well maintained two bedroom detached cottage with an extra room for a study, refitted shower room, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. Internal viewing is essential to appreciate all this lovely home has to offer! REF: 9644

- Detached cottage
- Two bedrooms
- Extra room for study
- Off road parking
- Well located for travel links
- Viewing advised

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Guide Price £300,000 to £325,000

View This! EPC D

Littleport

In need of an annex to house an older relative? Or maybe you've got teenagers wanting that all important space! This is the perfect home for you! The main part of the bungalow has been extended, perfect for entertaining. How would you use the space in this home? REF: 9145

- Detached bungalow
- Annex out back
- Off road parking
- Close to train station
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms

Life On One Level

Room For Everyone £285,000

Soham EPC C

What will you compromise on to get a house of this size at this price? My sellers loved the spacious kitchen/dining room as the central hub of the home and the fact the kids could walk to school. The garage and off street parking were a must have too. What would make this detached house work for you? REF 9445

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Dual Aspect Living Room
- En Suite To Master
- Non Estate Location
- Garage And Off Street Parking

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OPEN HOUSE! £220,000

Ely EPC TBC

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- Open House!
- Two bedrooms
- Garage
- Perfect first time buy
- Modern
- Ely location

OPEN HOUSE!

Guide Price £190,000 to £200,000

View View View This! EPC TBC

Littleport

A lovely three bedroom home tucked away on this popular development, overlooking the cycle path. My seller chose this property as she loved the feel of this secluded spot. Will this be the perfect home for you? Call us now to book your viewing! We don't expect it to be available for long! REF: 9712

- Semi Detached
- Garage
- Gated back garden
- Modern interior
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ensuit to master

Is This More Your Style?

Guide Price £190,000 TO £200,000

Must Be Viewed! EPC TBC

Little Downham

A three bedroom ex local authority family home in Little Downham on the Orchard estate, this will not be available for long so don't miss out! Tucked away in a quiet spot this is a fantastic opportunity. REF: 9693

- Little Downham
- Spacious rooms
- 3 bedrooms
- Beautifully presented
- Open plan style living
- Short drive to Ely

Desired location!

Guide Price £190,000 to £200,000

Perfect first time buy EPC TBC

Sutton

Yet another perfect first time buy! Modern, spacious and in a desired village location you certainly need to view this before it goes! A semi rural location offering peace and quite. Something different for your 'new home'. REF: 9685

- End of terrace
- Two double bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Side and rear garden
- Sutton location
- Garage

Village Location

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SUTTON

A quite beautiful Grade II Listed detached family home with well proportioned accommodation and a wealth of character, set in a prime position within the village with views of the Church.

6 bedrooms, family bathroom, reception hall, drawing room, sitting room, garden room, dining room, secondary entrance hall, shower room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, cloakroom, boiler room, cellar, extensive mature gardens, swimming pool, outbuilding and triple garage.

£745,000

STRETHAM

An imposing large four bedroom family home, that has been refurbished in the centre of Stretham.

4 bedrooms, master bedroom en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, dining room, living room, kitchen, family room, cloakroom , utility room, double garage, carport, driveway, Mediterranean style garden and no upward chain. EPC rating: E

£624,950

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A substantial and individual detached family home providing four bedroom accommodation set within about 1.9 acres placed just outside the popular village of Little Downham.

Spacious hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, study, garden room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 4 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom and oil central heating. EPC rating: D

£435,000

HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented Regency period home built in 1832 renovated to a high specification retaining many original features and backing onto open fields.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, split level landing, reception hall, snug, dining room, kitchen, sitting room with garden room area, outhouse, storage shed, off street parking, extensive patio, large garden, open views and no chain. EPC rating: F

£425,000

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NEW

SUTTON

A beautifully presented four bedroom detached bungalow, on a corner plot, with stunning views over the local countryside.

4 bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, utility, conservatory, garage, front and rear gardens, garage and off street parking. EPC rating: D

£359,950

NEW

HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented and extended four bedroom detached family home benefiting from a large corner plot with views over fields to the rear.

3 bedrooms, master with en-suite shower room, split level landing, family bathroom, entrance lobby, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/family room, cloakroom, utility, additional entrance hall, integral single garage, good sized garden and no chain. EPC rating: E

£349,950

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£389,950

A beautiful Grade II listed Victorian home, spacious throughout with the added benefit of a ground floor bedroom/studio and within easy reach of the railway station.

3/4 bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, bathroom, W/C, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, rear lobby, ground floor bedroom/home studio, wet room and courtyard garden. EPC rating: D

BARWAY

£349,950

An attractive detached four/five bedroom home centrally placed within this attractive village facing a small green and with mature well stocked gardens.

Entrance hall, sitting room, family/dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, ground floor bathroom, 4 bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, living room/ground floor bedroom 5, oil central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. EPC rating: F

NEW

ELY

£275,000

A well presented two bedroom Victorian terrace home located in a favourable position just a short walk from the train station with off street parking.

2 bedrooms, family bathroom, dining room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, double glazed, gardens and off street parking. EPC rating: D

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CHATTERIS **£265,000**

A well presented and improved five bedroom detached family home offering excellent accommodation located in this popular development off London Road.

5 bedrooms, master with en-suite and dressing room, bedroom two with a further en-suite, family bathroom, reception hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, double garage, off street parking, gardens and no upward chain. EPC rating: C

NEW

SOHAM **£245,000**

A brand new detached bungalow, forming part of this small development of only two properties, enjoying a quiet setting in the village of Soham. Some images shown are of a similar property.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, kitchen, dining/living room, two off-road parking spaces, gas fired central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, 6 year warranty.

NEW

LITTLEPORT **£149,950**

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow with large front and rear gardens.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, entrance hall, front and rear garden and gas fired central heating. EPC rating: C

SOHAM **£112,500**

A well presented one bedroom ground floor flat with allocated parking and private garden.

Bedroom, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, rear hall, front and rear gardens, allocated parking and gas central heating. EPC rating: D

NEW

WELNEY **£115,000**

A well presented and updated two bedroom detached home located in a rural location with views across open fields to the rear.

2 bedrooms, jack and jill bathroom, landing, kitchen, sitting room, sun room/dining room, utility, cloakroom, garage, gardens and off street parking. EPC rating: D

HADDENHAM **£235,000**

A highly individual home occupying a central location within this popular village providing spacious two bedroom accommodation.

Entrance hall, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, cloakroom, off street parking, single garage and oil central heating. EPC rating: F

NEW

LITTLEPORT **£224,950**

A modern end off terrace four bedroom town house with garden, garage and off street parking on a popular development.

4 bedrooms, bedroom one en-suite and dressing room, bathroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, entrance hall, cloakroom, rear garden, garage and off street parking. EPC rating: B

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Sitting Ducks

ORIGAMI ducks have taken over a village's phone box.

Ely-based artist-printmaker Valerie Sims, pictured, is exhibiting inside the phone box in Prickwillow throughout September.

The exhibition is called 'Sitting Ducks'.

Valerie, who has a keen interest in ecology, said: "The installation comments on the vulnerability of wild birds and animals as they lose their natural habitats to modern farming practices and use of green land for housing.

"The origami ducks have been made using paper that has been hand-printed from blocks of wood with prominent grain."

The phone box has been used for quirky art exhibitions and features since 2010 and previous exhibitions have included a controversial photograph of a giant naked man climbing out of the phone box.

The origami ducks can be purchased for £5 – all proceeds will go to the Ely Wildspace group.

For more information, visit valeriesims.co.uk.

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OPEN WEEKEND

● NEWMARKET'S stable doors will be open for the weekend, Saturday, September 19 and Sunday 20.

This is the third year Newmarket has opened its doors to the public for an annual open day which has raised over £135,000 for local charities. This year, for the first time, the event will take place over two days and will offer a range of fantastic activities and entertainment for all the family.

There will be a host of new events such as the Food and Drink Festival which will be at Newmarket's Rowley Mile and takes place over the two days. It will present the very best produce from the local area with over 30 bespoke stalls.

The Betfair Newmarket Open Weekend kicks off on Saturday at 9.30am with a chance to see top class racehorses put through their paces on Warren Hill Gallops. There will be a number of equine sites available to visit throughout the day, including Tattersalls, The National Stud and Newmarket Equine Hospital. The Rowley Mile will then host a race meeting in the afternoon and will feature top trainers such as Sir Michael Stoute, William Haggas and John Gosden commentating on the racing.

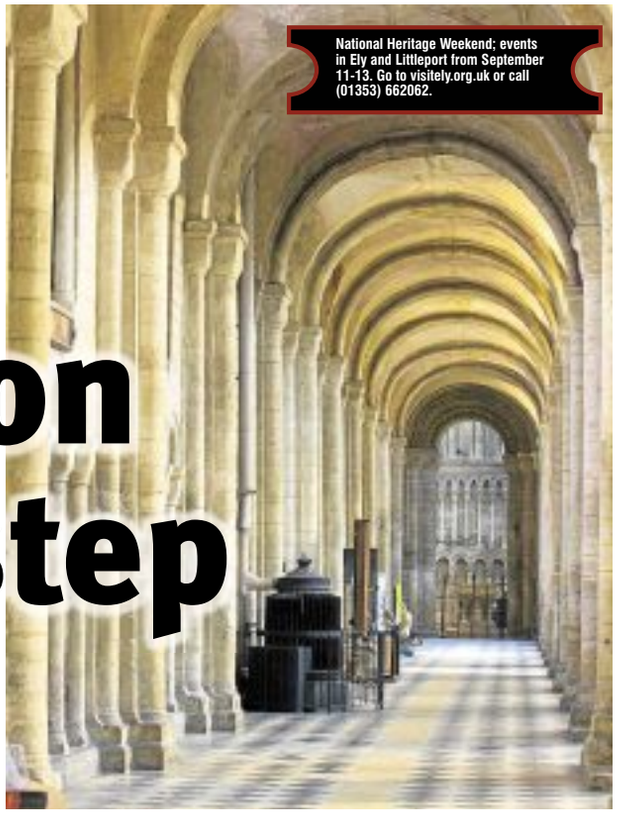
On Sunday, from 9am to 12:30pm, many top trainers will be opening their yards, giving visitors a unique chance to catch a glimpse of their equine heroes and meet the trainers.

In the afternoon, there's plenty on offer at the Rowley Mile. Racing Personality Show Jumping is the feature entertainment of the day, with some of Newmarket's best loved trainers and jockeys competing. The Gymkhana will also take place on Sunday afternoon, plus free course entertainment including face painting and pony rides.

● **Visit newmarketopenweekend.co.uk or search Newmarket Open Weekend on Facebook.**

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND

Windows into the heritage on our doorstep



National Heritage Weekend; events in Ely and Littleport from September 11-13. Go to visitely.org.uk or call (01353) 662062.

NATIONAL Heritage Weekend is this weekend – and you won't have to venture far in order to get involved.

Both Ely and Littleport are taking part in the ever-popular annual programme, with events taking place from Friday through to Sunday.

In Ely, the programme starts on the Friday evening with open nights at Oliver Cromwell House, Ely Museum, Ely Cathedral and the Stained Glass Museum.

Oliver Cromwell House and the museum will be open from 5-8pm and the cathedral and its Stained Glass Museum will open from 6.30-8.30pm.

The open nights are all free and are aimed at enabling people to experience the atmospheric buildings after hours.

On Saturday, there will be a series of tours in the city, including: West Tower tour at Ely Cathedral at 10am, tour of Ely Museum at 11am, and an Ely Historic Guided Walking Tour departing from Oliver Cromwell House at 11.30am.

There will also be tours around Ely's Old Palace every 40 minutes between 10am and 4pm, and tours of Ely's old magistrates' court at 10.30am, 11.30am and 12.30pm.

On Sunday, a series of open houses are then being held in the city.

Silver Street Cottages will be open from 10.30am-4pm, Prior Crauden's Chapel will be open from 10am-4pm, and St Peter's Church is opening from 11am-4pm.

There will also be tours of Ely's Old Porta and the Monastic Barn, both owned by King's Ely, at 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm.

Tracey Harding, tourism and town centres team leader at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "National Heritage Weekend has become a great opportunity to visit the places which you pass by every day but never get the opportunity to see what they look like from the inside."

Littleport is also joining in on the fun this year. Littleport Library ran a series of workshops over the summer encouraging budding artists to portray Littleport's heritage on large poster size boards. These will be showcased in shop windows in the town during the weekend to form a 'Creative Heritage Art Trail'.

National Heritage Weekend – events in Ely and Littleport from Friday, September 11 through to Sunday, September 13

David Ambrose-Smith, chairman of the Littleport Town Team, said: "The National Heritage weekend has become a great way of celebrating the very best of our great nation.

"In Littleport, we felt this was something which we could get involved with and portray the many aspects of the town's strong heritage such as Fenland skating, Burberry's Clothing Factory and our Harley Davidson connection to name just a few."

For more information about events in both Ely and Littleport, including booking places on any tours, go to visitely.org.uk.

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MUSIC

Ely Folk Club concert at the Old Dispensary, St Mary's Street, on Wednesday, September 16 at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 by calling (01353) 740999.

A feast of folk music

FOLK duo Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer are bringing their roots-friendly sounds to Ely.

They are performing at Ely Folk Club's concert at the OId Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, on Wednesday, September 16.

Andy Wall, a spokesman for the club, said: "Vicki and Jonny have developed a strong reputation for delivering great performances time and time again.

"Once known mainly for their instrumental skills with Scottish smallpipes, accordion and Swedish nyckelharpa, they are now being accepted as impressive song arrangers and writers.

"Vicki and Jonny effortlessly blend traditional material with contemporary interpretations whilst equally creating original self penned tunes and songs that are entirely at home in the tradition. Out of this combination they have developed a sound that is both familiar and fresh.

"Smörgåsballad is an evening of music and tales from Sweden. Find out about the tradition of the Easter Witches, what happens if you pick seven different wild flowers and put them under your pillow at Midsummer, the real meaning of the midsummer majstång and participate in some traditional drinking songs in celebration of the crayfish.

"A visual treat for the eyes and the ears, be transported to the land of the midnight sun and enjoy some nordic noir tales and fall in love with the heroes and heroines."

Hannah Sanders is supporting them on the night.

'Vicki and Jonny have developed a strong reputation for delivering great performances time and time again'.

Andy said: "Hannah's exquisite debut album, Charms Against Sorrow, was released in February and demonstrates her skills as a guitarist, mountain dulcimer player and singer, and confirms her love of traditional song.

"An English singer who grew up travelling and singing folk songs with her family, Hannah spent much of her life in America and influence from either side of the ocean is clear from her arrangements.

"Her voice, with a range and elasticity so rarely encountered in the modern folk landscape, and intimate performance, make her an absolute must-see for those who love traditional folk."

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £11 on the door or £10 in advance by calling (01353) 740999.

COMEDY

Stand-up comedy night at The Maltings

STAND-UP COMEDY: Nik Coppin and James Dowdeswell are two of the comedians taking to the stage in Ely

COMEDIANS James Dowdeswell, Nik Coppin and Paddy Lennox are taking to the stage in Ely next week.

The stand-up comedy night is at The Maltings, in Ship Lane, on Friday, September 18.

All three comedians are from the London and national circuit. Dowdeswell is best known for his role in the BBC TV programme Extras.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival reviewed Coppin as: "A rapid fire non-stop act full of energy. His hour went so quick, his charming smile and easy manner had the audience eating out of his hand and wanting more. Go and see him!".

Lennox was reviewed by The Telegraph as: "Simply a scream". Lewis Bryan will be compere on the night.

The show start at 8pm. There will be a licensed bar and tickets are £14.50 or £13.50 for concessions.

To book, call 07502 261899, email maltingsboxoffice@cityofelycouncil.org.uk or visit Burrows Bookshop in High Street Passage, Ely.

Stand-up comedy night at The Maltings, Ely, on Friday, September 18. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 8pm. Tickets £14.50 from 07502 261899.

CLOSER TO HOME

- SOHAM'S Viva Theatre Group are staging their production of Avenue Q at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge. The shows are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10, 11 and 12 at 7.45pm. Tickets are £12, or £9 for concessions. Call (01223) 300085 or visit adctheatre.com.

- LONDON-based artist Charlotte Harvey and Woodbridge-based artist Shirley Felts are exhibiting their work in Ely. They are showcasing their paintings and prints at the Old Fire Engine House throughout September. The gallery is open seven days a week. Call (01353) 662582.

- IRISH crooner Shawn Cuddy and his band will be delighting the crowds in Soham on Friday. They are performing at The Brook at 7pm, and tickets are £16.50. On Saturday, September 19 Showaddywaddy will then be there playing all their hits at the venue. The show starts at 7pm and tickets are £19. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- CHORAL Evensong at Ely Cathedral on Sunday will be celebrating the Queen's reign. It starts at 4pm and music will include the singing of Zadok the Priest and Sir William Walton's coronation march Crown Imperial.

- COMEDIANS Gareth Richards, Adam Hess and Hayley Ellis will be entertaining the crowds in Soham. They are taking to the stage at The Brook on Friday, September 18. The show starts at 8pm and tickets are £10. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- THE popular Fujita Piano Trio are coming to Ely this month. They will be playing works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvorak at King's Ely's Hayward Theatre on Friday, September 18 as part of the King's Ely Concert Society programme. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15 adults and free for children. Call (01353) 653931.

- THE Opus 17 Big Band will be commemorating the 70th anniversary of VE Day in Fordham on Saturday. The concert is being held at St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10. Call (01638) 720674.

- CELEBRATED French organist M. Othar Chedlivili – organist of Montpellier Cathedral – is hosting a recital in Littleport this month. The recital is at St George's Church on Friday, September 25 at 7.30pm, and the programme will include works by Bach, Handel, Belier and Bossi. Tickets are £7 both in advance and on the door. Email enquiry@littleportparishchurch.org.uk.

FEATURE

Our incredible tale of survival

BEFORE THE NIGHTMARE: Eva Clarke's parents, Anka and Berndt Nathan, on their wedding day in 1940 and right, Anka with four-month-old Eva in August, 1945

Eva Clarke was born in a concentration camp in April 1945. Incredibly, two other babies arrived in similar circumstances just days earlier – and, now aged 70, the three have become 'like siblings'.
Ahead of the Cambridge launch of *Born Survivors*, the book that reveals their mothers' remarkable stories, Eva Clarke tells Emma Higginbotham about her indomitable mum, Anka.

FOR most women, pregnancy is a blissful time. Feeling your baby move inside you, while friends and even strangers admire your blossoming bump, is enough to make any expectant mum glow.

But for Eva Clarke's mother Anka, the discovery of her pregnancy would have had fatal consequences. Arriving at Auschwitz in 1944, the terrified 27-year-old would undoubtedly have been sent to her death in the gas chamber.

Mercifully, the three years she'd spent in a Czech concentration camp meant that, desperately malnourished, her condition didn't yet show. Even when the baby was due, Anka weighed a fragile five stone and, when she eventually gave birth in notorious death camp Mauthausen, the tiny infant she wrapped in newspaper to keep warm weighed just 3lbs.

"My mother described herself as 'a barely-living pregnant skeleton'," says Eva, the baby who, against all odds, survived.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1917, Anka was the youngest daughter in a non-practising Jewish family. "She had tremendous joie de vivre; when she was young she was always known as 'the smiling Anka'," says Eva, as we chat in the Cambridge home she shares with her husband Malcolm, a law professor. "I think that's why she did survive – because she had such an optimistic nature."

Strikingly pretty and fiercely bright, Anka was the first member of the family to go to university; she was studying in Prague when she met her future husband, Jewish German architect Bernd Nathan. They married in 1940, but their joy was short-lived; Hitler had invaded Czechoslovakia the previous year and gradually anti-Jewish restrictions were falling into place. One by one, they began to be sent away.

Anka and Bernd's time ran out at the end of 1941. First Bernd received a card instructing him to report to a warehouse near the station – there was no way of escaping the summons. A few days later Anka's card arrived, and she too reported to a warehouse "with hundreds and hundreds of other people. They weren't given much food or water, and had to sleep on the floor for three days."

Eventually Anka was packed on to a cramped train and sent to Terezin, a former Czech barracks behind barbed wire fences that the Nazis had turned into a Jewish ghetto. There, she and the other new arrivals were squeezed into unheated buildings infested with vermin, where they slept in three-tier bunks, 20 to a room, on musty straw mattresses.

"It was a prison," shrugs Eva. "There was very little food, and it was incredibly crowded. To a large extent Terezin was a transit camp for the death camps. But because my parents were young, strong and quite capable of work, they remained there for three years."

Anka was given a job handing out the paltry portions of food; Bernd worked as a carpenter. And although men and women were segregated, they got together whenever they could. "It was very dangerous because it was forbidden: the Germans were trying to annihilate every member of the Jewish race, so that was the reason for the segregation, so the women couldn't become pregnant."

But Anka did, "and when the Nazis discovered that my mother and four other women were pregnant, they made these five couples sign a document that said that when the babies were born, they'd have to be handed over to be killed."

As it happened, Anka's baby boy wasn't taken away after his birth in February 1944, but sadly died of pneumonia two months later. Distraught, Anka rarely spoke of him.

In September of that year, the couple's luck worsened. Bernd was sent to Auschwitz, "and incredibly, my mother volunteered to follow him. Being the eternal optimist, she thought 'Well nothing could get any worse'. She never saw him again."

By now, Anka was once again pregnant. "My brother's death meant my life, and my mother's," says Eva quietly. "Had she arrived in the Auschwitz death camp holding my brother in her arms, she would've been sent straight to the gas chambers. And although she was pregnant again, nobody knew."

Arriving in Auschwitz was, says Eva, "sheer, unadulterated hell. There was such chaos, and noise, and this very peculiar smell that nobody knew what it was … That's the one thing that Spielberg couldn't reproduce in *Schindler's List* – the smell."

First came the dreaded selection process, conducted by SS officer Josef 'Angel of Death' Mengele, in which the new arrivals were judged fit enough to work – or not ("essentially, whether you were going to live or die"). Women with children and anyone over 40 were directed to the left; Anka was directed to the right.

"Despite the fact that she'd been in Terezin for three years, she was still strong enough for work." says Eva. An hour later, stripped naked and with her head shorn, Mengele passed Anka again, and asked if she was pregnant, "and instinct told her to say no." Anka spent 10 terrifying days in Auschwitz, where the prisoners were treated worse than animals. Crammed into huts, their only nourishment was a bowl of oily water to share, with no spoons, between four people. Around her, women dropped dead of starvation and disease or, if they showed weakness, were shipped off to the gas chambers. Starving and petrified, Anka struggled to survive for the sake of her unborn child.

Unbeknown to her, two other Auschwitz prisoners – Priska and Rachel – were also hiding their pregnancies. And, like Anka, their luck was about to change. "First of all they were taken to a hut that had iron gratings on the windows, and they really thought 'Right, this is it'. But then they were given a piece of bread, which was unheard of," says Eva.

It turned out that the women were about to embark on a journey, "and my mother said their joy was unmitigated when they realised, even though they were in a cattle truck, that they were leaving Auschwitz. Because in their eyes, nothing could've been worse."

But the Freiberg armaments factory, where they were to spend six months as slave labourers, was hardly a respite. Working long, exhausting shifts, the women were frequently beaten; there was very little food and, frozen and famished, one by one they began to die.

"It was horrendous," says Eva. "She was becoming more and more starved, and more and more obviously pregnant, which was very dangerous because had the Nazis realised, they might well have sent her back to Auschwitz to be killed."

But by the time Anka, Priska and Rachel were clearly with child, it was too late to send them back – Auschwitz had been liberated.

On April 12, Priska gave birth to her tiny, malnourished baby, Hana, on the factory floor. A few days later, realising they were losing the war, the Nazis evacuated the factory. Along with hundreds of other women, Anka was crammed on to an open-wagon train bound for death camp Buchenwald, where they were to be gassed.

Packed together like cattle for 17 days, with no food and very little water, conditions on the train were appalling. It was here that Rachel gave birth to Mark: "She thought she would have to bite through the umbilical cord, but in fact somebody found a rusty razor blade, and that's how it was cut . . . " Meanwhile, Buchenwald was also liberated, so the train was diverted to Mauthausen, a notorious death camp in Austria. "When she saw the name, she said that's when labour started," says Eva.

"She had to climb on to a cart with the other prisoners who were not strong enough to walk to the camp, and she had people lying all over her with typhus and typhoid fever. She thought she was about to die. But we both survived."

And the reason they survived is chilling. "On the 28th of April, the Nazis had run out of gas for the gas chambers. My birthday is the 29th. So had the train arrived on the 27th, I wouldn't be talking to you now."

Within days, the Americans liberated Mauthausen ("my mother reckons she wouldn't have lasted much longer, she was so weak") and, once strong enough to travel, Anka and baby Eva were put on a train to Prague.

"That, for her, was the worst moment of her three-and-a-half years, because up to that moment she never allowed herself to think about what had happened to her family. Arriving at your home station, you think perhaps somebody would be there to meet you. But of course there wasn't."

Anka's entire immediate family – her parents, two sisters and 8-year-old nephew – had all perished in the camps. What's more, she soon heard that Bernd had been shot dead – just nine days before Auschwitz was liberated. Riddled with lice and scabies, Anka headed to her cousin Olga's flat, and asked if they could stay for a few days to recover. They stayed for three years.

Finally, Anka's luck changed. In 1948 she married Karel Bergman, a Jewish Czech who'd escaped in 1939 and joined the RAF as an interpreter, and the family moved to Wales.

Unlike many survivors, Anka was open about her experiences, "and because I was always asking her questions, as I got older the replies became more detailed," says Eva. "It was probably very cathartic for her that she could talk about it."

Determined to share her mother's story, in 2000 Eva began working with the Holocaust Education Trust to tell everyone from schoolchildren to prisoners about what Anka went through. Yet it was only in 2009 that she discovered her story wasn't unique. After contacting the veterans' website of the American unit that liberated Mauthausen, she discovered first Hana, now living in California, and then Mark, in Wisconsin, and the three began to email each other regularly.

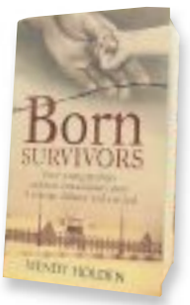
Five years ago they met for the first time in Linz, Austria, at the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen, "and we spent the whole day and evening just talking and laughing and crying, each of us telling our mothers' stories.

FEATURE

MEMORIES: Eva pictured today, above, and with her mother Anka, left, in 2011

two years ago at the grand old age of 96, it really was a happy ending. "Oh it was!" beams Eva. "My mother never wanted to be identified as purely a Holocaust survivor. She would say 'I'm a very happy wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother - she couldn't believe she ended her life with three great-grandchildren.

"I am incredibly proud of her, and I'm very glad I can talk about her," she adds, smiling again. "I talk about her endlessly.".



BORN SURVIVORS: Anka, Priska and Rachel's stories are told in a fascincating new book by bestselling author Wendy Holden

"And it was quite incredible; we just could not believe there were so many similarities. All three mothers were in Auschwitz, all three were in the Freiberg slave labour camp, all three were on that horrendous train journey, all three gave birth in April of 1945, not one of them weighed more than 5st, all three of us weighed not more than 3lbs, and all six of us survived. And," she adds with a smile, "we're all only children, and so we now feel we've got siblings."

Anka, Priska and Rachel's stories are told in full in a fascinating new book, *Born Survivors*, by bestselling author Wendy Holden. Released in May, it has already been translated into 15 languages and published in 20 countries. "I'm utterly delighted with it; we all are," says Eva. "People have muttered 'another Holocaust book', but at least this one is hopeful. It has a happy ending."

And for Anka, who died

SURVIVORS: Eva Clarke, Mark Olsky and Hana Berger Moran meet in Mauthausen in 2010

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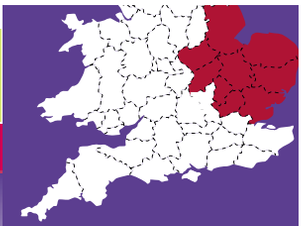

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LESLEY, 42, free spirited single female, professional with OHAC, looking for someone to have some fun with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 417979**

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Wheels

Mini launches surfboard

MINI has launched its own surfboard with help from surf experts Channel Islands Surfboards. The design aims to offer surfers all of the same attributes of a Mini car, but on the waves.

Called The Mini, the new surfboard has been developed with Kalani Robb, a professional surfer and US Open Surfing Champion.

Just like Mini's car range, anyone buying The Mini surfboard can personalise it, thanks to a wide variety of colour choices and combinations.

Mini is working in partnership with the Croyde Bay Surf School to teach beginners about the sport and introduce them to its new surfboard, with prices starting from £580.

Robb said: "To create the feeling of agility and speed, we've developed the board with a little extra tail volume. The board's wider outline and low rocker really make it fly."

Croyde Surf Academy head coach, Carlo Fusie-Ferrero, said: "I absolutely love it, best board I've surfed in a very long time."

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Wheels

Nissan's latest Juke to be built in Sunderland

THE JUKE: Small crossover success

FIVE years after inventing the small crossover, Nissan has announced that its new generation Nissan Juke is to be produced in the UK.

The estimated £100m investment is a further endorsement of the quality of output from the Sunderland plant, and a statement of Nissan's intention to remain the undisputed crossover leader.

Following the launch of the second generation Nissan Qashqai in 2013, future Juke allocation points to a secure future for both production lines in Sunderland and the jobs of 34,000 people currently employed by Nissan and its British suppliers beyond 2020.

Nissan's second best-selling car in Europe, the Juke has been turning heads since its launch in 2010 on Nissan's Line two in Sunderland.

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EXACTLY eight years and more than 1.5 million units since it was launched 50 years ago, the iconic Fiat 500 makes way for its successor: the New Fiat 500.

Retaining the unmistakable look that has made it a global best-seller, the new Fiat 500 hasn't grown in size but instead has added advanced technologies, improved efficiency, even more customisation ideas and a Centro Stile Fiat-refreshed exterior and interior.

No fewer than 1,800 changes have been made to produce the New 500. The most changes can be found at the front: New Fiat 500 retains the "face" of its predecessors with headlights which are still circular but adopt innovative polyellptical modules for improved night vision and extra safety.

New alloy wheel designs are also introduced on the New Fiat 500: Pop Star and Lounge models have 15-inch alloy wheels as standard (a £320 option) with 16-inch wheels available as a £370 option on Pop models and a £130 upgrade option on Pop Star and Lounge models.

The colour palette now totals 13 hues, including seven special pastel shades ('Bossa Nova White' is standard, the other pastel colours are a £350 option), one tri-coat finish ('Ubran White' at £740) and five metallic colours (a £460 option) including two new colours: Glam Coral and Avantgarde Bordeaux. Two striking black-yellow and black-red variants are available as part of the Fiat 500 'Second Skin' programme.

The TwinAir 0.9 85bhp has an official fuel consumption figure of 74.3mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of 90g/km. The 1.2-litre 69hp has a combined fuel efficiency figure of 60.1mpg and CO2 emissions of 110g/km.

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Wheels

Home-working link to trips fall

THE average number of journeys made by people in England each year has reached its lowest recorded level.

Official figures show that the number of trips fell to 921 last year.

This is the lowest level since records began in the 1960s and a reduction of 16 per cent from 1995/97.

The National Travel Survey (NTS), released by the Department for Transport (DfT), found that since the mid-2000s the fall in trips by English residents within Britain had largely been due to fewer car journeys, despite the proportion of households with access to a car remaining roughly unchanged.

The average distance travelled by car had also fallen.

The NTS reported that declining mileage was a factor in the broad levelling off of traffic over the past decade, leading to a debate over whether car use had peaked.

But Paul Watters, head of roads policy at the AA, said people were being more careful in managing how much they travelled.

"The failure of much lower pump prices to trigger a revival in car use has been one of the most surprising trends recently," he explained.

"From July to November 2014, the cost of petrol plummeted 10p a litre, saving more than a fiver a tank.

"Rather than encouraging more mileage, petrol consumption fell nearly 2 per cent (from October/December 2013 to the same period last year)."

Since the mid-1990s, trips for shopping, commuting and visiting friends have fallen consistently.

The NTS said one possible explanation for 43 fewer shopping trips being taken last year than in 2002 was the spread of online ordering and home deliveries.

Four in five households ordered goods either online, by telephone or post in 2014, with the most common items being clothes, books, CDs and travel tickets.

Meanwhile, the NTS said that commuting accounted for 19 fewer trips in 2014 than 12 years earlier.

It also noted that 5 per cent of employed people worked from home last year.

The report concluded: "Overall, the increase of the proportion of people who work from home could be linked to the decrease in commuting trips overall, although the scale of this effect would be likely to be small as home-working still accounts for a small proportion of the employed population."

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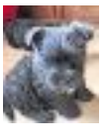

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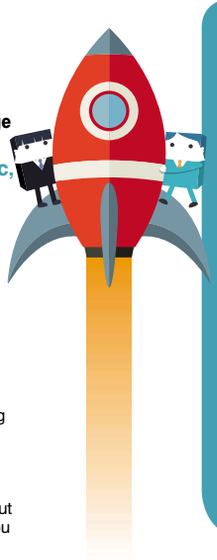

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ATHLETICS

GOING FOR GOLD: Jonnie Peacock is hoping to defend his Paralympic T44 100m title

Football is off the agenda as Peacock eyes success in Rio

JONNIE Peacock has promised to forgo football ahead of his bid for a second Paralympic Games title in Rio.

The 22-year-old from Doddington, whose lower right leg was amputated after contracting meningitis as a five-year-old, memorably won the men's T44 100m at London 2012.

Peacock was unknown to many before thriving in the partisan atmosphere of the Olympic Stadium, but will travel to his first 'away' Paralympics to a nation fanatical about football.

Monday marks one year to go to the 2016 Paralympics and Peacock will not be strutting his stuff on a football pitch with friends in the next 12 months.

He broke his prosthetic foot playing five-a-side football ahead of his first big meet, at the 2010 Sainsbury's School Games, before badly twisting a knee when having a kick-about as a Paralympic champion.

"Football's not been a very kind sport to me," said Peacock, who was speaking in Manchester at the Sainsbury's 2015 School Games.

"I definitely wasn't playing in the build-up to 2012. I played in one of my breaks and tore part of my knee. That was end of 2013, a week before I started training again.

"The first two weeks of training were rehab."

Steve Fudge, his coach, "wasn't very pleased, shall we put it like that?"

"Football is off the agenda," Peacock added.

Oscar Pistorius is no longer in contention after being jailed for culpable homicide of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, but the T44 100m could still be one of the Games' main attractions due to the presence of another double amputee.

Brazilian Alan Oliveira is the T44 200m champion and, along with American Jarryd Wallace, is rated by Peacock as the biggest threat.

"I fully expect those two to be the biggest worries in my head when it comes to Rio," Peacock added.

"(Oliveira) is one of the guys to look out for, if not the most dangerous guy in the field.

"He's the fastest guy by a long way. He's got the best top speed."

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SAILING

Stamfords wrap up victory at Ely event

CHANDLER and Kirk Stamford continued their winning streak at the annual team racing event at Ely Sailing Club.

Six teams were taking part in the second stage of the competition, which featured identical boat classes in 15 mini races designed to test the sailors' knowledge of the rules, teamwork, tactics and stamina to withstand the elements.

The Stamfords triumphed by claiming first place in all but one of their races to remain first after their success in the first stage in July.

Eric and Clare Christian were second, while Ted Pepper and Mark Coupar beat Jack Knight and Steve Board to third on countback. Jamie Cammann and James Perry were fifth.

Izzy Duckworth, the club's newest cadet, held her own against the more experienced competitors, placing sixth overall with her team-mate Gabby Perry.

NETBALL

City get off to a victorious start

SUMMER training paid off for City of Ely II in their first Cambridge & District League, Divison One match of the season as they beat Milton II 41-28.

Scoring followed the centre pass in the opening quarter, but City upped the pressure and by half time led by eight goals.

Liv Lawrence and Kyla Grimshaw worked hard in defence.

And they stole Milton's rebounded shots to set up City attacks of their own.

Centre court players opened up the court, feeding shooters Sarah Smith and Sue Deas.

They drew on their experience, holding space to force themselves under their own post and rack up the goals to give City a confidence-boosting start to the season.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Haddenham trio seal opening win

HARVEY Humble, Finley Harley and Lewis Perry got one apiece as Haddenham Rovers opened the season with a 3-1 victory over Mepal Sports in Cambridge & District Colts League 14A.

Humble put Haddenham ahead after a goalless first half, but Slough soon levelled.

However, Harley and Perry were on target to seal the win for the hosts.

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Injury-hit Soham endure tough run

Football

SOHAM's difficult start to the Ryman League, North Division season continued as they went down 5-2 away to league leaders AFC Sudbury on Tuesday night.

Craig Parker's hat-trick and two for Jordan Blackwell sank the Greens, who replied through Wayne Goddard and Luke Stanley.

"There were some promising attacking signs in the second half, but we've got to keep working at it," said Soham boss Steve Fallon.

A succession of injuries appeared to play a big part in Rangers' 2-0 defeat at home to Cray Wanderers last Saturday.

The Greens lost Ryan Sharman after 25 minutes and just three minutes into the second half, with the scores still goalless, Rob Ruddy limped off.

The visitors took the lead in the 68th minute from the penalty spot when Dave Theobald brought down an attacker.

The referee pointed to the spot and showed Theobald the red card.

Ben Sawyer then came off injured two minutes later, with Cray scoring their second in stoppage time.

"They deserved the win, they're a good side," said Fallon, adding: "The injuries affected us."

Soham were due to play Harlow this Saturday but as their opponents are involved in the FA Cup, the Greens are instead at home to Brightlingsea Regent in the first round of the Alan Turvey Isthmian League Cup.

In the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division, **Ely City** followed up last Saturday's win over Diss Town by beating Team Bury 3-0 on Tuesday.

Alex Knowles put them ahead with a 20-yard strike. Alex Theobald made it 2-0 by heading in Jack Saunders' corner and Paul Summerskill's header completed the win.

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INJURY BLOW: Soham's Ryan Sharman picked up an ankle injury in Saturday's defeat to Cray Wanderers

Speedway

Fen Tigers fail to halt Brummies' charge for title

A STUNNING 17-point turnaround clinched the National League title for Birmingham, with the 47-42 result leaving Mildenhall staring at a wooden spoon finish.

Brummies promoter Graham Drury was ready to throw the tactical dice on his return to West Row as the Fen Tigers led 22-14 after six heats and threatened to spoil their championship party.

But Zach Wajknecht and Sam Chapman sealed two 5-1s in the space of four heats to level, and Chapman and Tyler Govier then delivered the crushing 5-0 blow in heat 12, as Connor Mountain lost control while leading and face-planted the air-fence.

Tom Bacon and Luke Ruddick won a brace of races each and Dan Halsey beat all of the Birmingham's top three, but there was not a win in 13 rides from top-five trio Connor Coles, Jack Kingston and Mountain.

Tigers promoter Kevin Jolly said: "We got ourselves into a good position but then we fell apart. Whether it was losing concentration or interest, I don't know.

"I've already got a team in mind for next year and there will be a lot of changes, but fair ones."

Mildenhall – Halsey 10 (5 rides), Coles 9+1 (5), Bacon 8 (4), Ruddick 6 (5), Kingston 5+1 (4), Mountain 4+2 (4), Laurence 0 (3).

Birmingham – Wajknecht 12 (5), Ellis 10 (4), Chapman 7+2 (4), Perry 8+1 (4), Smith 5+1 (5), Govier 4+1 (4), Kirby 1+1 (3).

Halsey was beaten from behind by both Birmingham and Cradley's duo at King's Lynn on Saturday as Mildenhall's bid for Best Pairs glory diminished.

Halsey gated first in both races, but Brummies pair Wajtknect and Tom Perry soon got past him, and then Cradley's Max Clegg did likewise with his team-mate Ellis Perks following suit on the last lap.

Halsey and Mountain took maximum points against Buxton but the damage was done. Halsey was again beaten in the final race by Ben Morley of Kent, who went on to defeat Cradley in the final.

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